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Amendments to the Claims

The current listing of claims replaces all previous versions of the claims.

Listing of Claims

Please cancel claims 1 - 15.

16. (currently amended) A kit for cleaning pierced body parts and comprising: a floss formed to be flexible and including a plurality of perforations spaced along a length thereof and for assisting a user to separate said floss at said perforations;

a plurality of applicators formed to be substantially tubular and having opposed end portions for passing said floss therethrough, said plurality of applicators including a longitudinal axis and an inner surface substantially equally spaced thereabout, said plurality of applicators having a substantially cylindrical shape, said opposed end portions being open and having substantially equal diameters;

a sterilizing substance coated on said inner surface and being transferable onto said floss as same passes through said plurality of applicators respectively so that a pierced body part may be cleaned as said floss is passed therethrough; and

a dispenser for housing said floss and having an aperture formed therein for allowing said floss to be selectively removed therefrom.

- 17. (original) The kit of claim 16, further comprising a packaging for housing said floss therein.
 - 18. (canceled)
- 19. (original) The kit of claim 16, wherein said sterilizing substance comprises antibiotic ointment.
 - 20. (canceled)

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21. (New) A kit for cleaning pierced body parts and comprising:

a floss formed to be flexible and including a plurality of perforations spaced along a length thereof and for assisting a user to separate said floss at said perforations;

a plurality of applicators formed to be substantially tubular and having opposed end portions for passing said floss therethrough, said plurality of applicators including a longitudinal axis and an inner surface substantially equally spaced thereabout, said plurality of applicators having a substantially cylindrical shape, said opposed end portions being open and having substantially equal diameters;

a sterilizing substance coated on said inner surface and being transferable onto said floss as same passes through said plurality of applicators respectively so that a pierced body part may be cleaned as said floss is passed therethrough; and

a dispenser for housing said floss and having an aperture formed therein for allowing said floss to be selectively removed therefrom;

wherein said perforations traverse across a width of said string and are oriented perpendicular to a longitudinal length of said string.